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SUBJECT: FRG OPPOSITION ATTITUDE ON THE ER/RB WEAPON

1. A STAFF OFFICIAL OF THE CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG PARLIAMEN-
TARY OPPOSITION TOLD US TODAY THAT THE OPPOSITION IS
DEEPLY CONCERNED, CONFUSED AND "IRRITATED" BY REPORTS
COMING OUT OF WASHINGTON TO THE EFFECT THAT THE US
MIGHT NOT PRODUCE THE ER/RB WAR-HEAD.
2. THE OFFICIAL OBSERVED THAT THE OPPOSITION HAD FULLY
SUPPORTED CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN HIS VIEW THAT THE WAR-
HEAD, IF PRODUCED, SHOULD BE DEPLOYED IN WESTERN
EUROPE OR SHOULD AT VERY LEAST BE USED AS AN ELEMENT
IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION FOR ARMS CONTROL.
HE SAID THAT A US FAILURE TO PRODUCE IT OR USE IT FOR
NEGOTIATIONS WOULD MAKE THE CDU/CSU OPPOSITION FEEL
MUCH MORE INCLINED TO CHALLENGE UNITED STATES STRATEGIC
POLICY IN EUROPE (INCLUDING OUR REQUEST FOR GERMAN
FUNDING SHARE IN NATO PROGRAMS) THAN IT HAD DONE IN
THE PAST.
3. THE OFFICIAL ALSO OBSERVED THAT THE OPPOSITION
WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE CLEAR ITS STRONG POSITION IN
FAVOR OF DEPLOYMENT IF THERE WERE ANY AMERICAN SUG-
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GESTION TO THE EFFECT THAT DOUBTS ABOUT EUROPEAN
READINESS TO DEPLOY THE WAR-HEAD HAD CONTRIBUTED TO
THE AMERICAN DECISION NOT TO PRODUCE IT.
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